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BRIEFING NOTES ON RAMPARTS

RAMPARTS magazine was founded in 1962 as a five-times-a-year journal aimed at liberal Catholic intellectuals. It has been financed largely by Mr. Keating, the heir to a real estate fortune and to a larger extent by his wife, the former Helen B. English, whose wealth derives from the US Gypsum Co. It is believed that RAMPARTS' operating losses, which run in the neighborhood of \$450,000 per year, had just about depleted the Keatings' joint estate by July 1965.

In September 1966 Keating announced that he had admitted four other stockholders to the corporation of which he had been sole owner. These are Editor Warren Hinckle, III, 28; Comptroller Joseph Ippolito; Louis Honig, president of a San Francisco advertising agency; and Frederick C. Mitchell, a professor of history at the University of Kansas. The New York Times of February 20, 1967 reports that Irving Laucks, an 85 year-old millionaire associated with the Center for Democratic Institutions at Santa Barbara, has also become a stockholder.

For the first two years RAMPARTS was devoted almost exclusively to aesthetic, literary and religious commentary. Beginning in 1964, RAMPARTS became increasingly preoccupied with political issues at home and abroad--civil rights and the Vietnam war. In July of 1965, Keating made a widely-publicized effort to take the magazine out of its Catholic orientation by establishing a new three-man editorial board comprised of himself; of Arthur A. Cohen who is prominent in Judaic studies in America and a vice-president of the Holt, Rinehart and Winston publishing firm; and William Stringfellow, a New York attorney, author, lecturer and prominent Protestant layman. This attempt to establish a responsible non-sectarian sponsorship was short-lived. Cohen's name disappeared from the masthead in February 1966. Stringfellow dropped off the board in March 1966 and withdrew from all association with the magazine in November 1966.

The staff of the magazine includes Don Duncan, the former Army Special Forces Sergeant who wrote a denunciation of the role of the Green Berets in Vietnam; William Turner; a former special agent of the FBI, who has written articles denouncing J. Edgar Hoover and

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